

**NEWS from**

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## **Hansberger Requests Analysis of Deer Population**

Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger requested at today's Board of Supervisors meeting that the County Fish and Game Commission work with the State Department of Fish & Game to conduct an analysis of the deer population in our mountain areas. "It has been brought to my attention by several mountain residents that the deer population in the mountains have decreased significantly," said Supervisor Hansberger. "There is a significant concern that deer are a rare sighting in the mountains, and yet the State Department of Fish & Game continues to issue deer hunting licenses each year," Hansberger said.

According to the Department of Fish & Game website, the 2007 tag quota for this area is 3,000, with 665 tags issued since June. The 2007 General Season dates for deer hunting are October 13, 2007 thru November 11, 2007. Last year, there were approximately 136 deer reportedly killed in San Bernardino County.

"It is important to determine the population of the current deer herd to see if the speculation is correct and determine if it is necessary to suspend further deer hunting licenses for this area until the deer population increases again," said Supervisor Hansberger.